

and that this provision allowing extra pay, as well as that contained in the navy appropriation act of August thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, shall extend to and include all naval storekeepers who were stationed on the Pacific coast, and the additional compensation authorized by the foregoing provision, and by the navy appropriation act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, shall be paid to the legal representatives of all deceased persons who would have been entitled to receive the same if living.

And there shall be allowed to Lieutenants William Lewis Herndon and Lardner Gibbon, officers of the United States navy, who were engaged upon the exploration of the Amazon, the same pay as has been allowed to the superintendent of the naval astronomical expedition in Chile, by the act making appropriations for the navy service, approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, during the period of their service as aforesaid, which period shall be reckoned from the date on which each officer left the United States until the final return of the exploring party.

For pay of superintendents, naval constructors, and all the civil establishments at the several navy yards and stations, one hundred and eighty thousand six hundred and fifty dollars. And the first and second clerks to the commanders of the principal navy yards, viz., Boston, New York, Washington, Norfolk, and Pensacola, shall receive the same pay as the two lowest classes of clerks in the bureau of the Navy Department now received respectively; and each clerk of the yard in said navy yards shall receive the same compensation as is herein provided for the first clerks to commanders.

For provisions for food, clothing, and petty officers and seamen, including engineers and marines attached to vessels for sea service, six hundred and eighty-six thousand two hundred dollars.

For the completion of a scientific investigation and experiments upon the character of alimentary substances used as subsistence in the navy, and means to prevent their deterioration, five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

For surgeons' necessities and appliances for the sick and hurt of the navy, including the marine corps, thirty-seven thousand three hundred dollars.

For repair of vessels in ordinary, and for wear and tear of vessels in commission, including fuel and purchase of hemp, one million nine hundred and forty-one thousand four hundred and eighty dollars.

For ordnance and ordnance stores and small arms, including incidental expenses, two hundred thousand dollars.

For preparing for publication the American Nautical Almanac, nineteen thousand four hundred dollars.

For purchase of nautical instruments required for the use of the navy, for repairs of the same, and two of astronomical instruments, eleven thousand dollars.

For the purchase of nautical books, maps, and charts, and for backing and binding the same, twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

For printing and publishing sailing directions, hydrographical surveys, and astronomical observations, five thousand five hundred dollars.

For models, drawing and copying, postage, stationery, freight, and transportation: for pay of lithographer and for working lithographic press, including chemicals, and for keeping grounds and buildings in order; for fuel and lights; for repairs of buildings, and for all other contingent expenses of the Hydrographical Office and United States Observatory, seven thousand two hundred and forty dollars.

For continuing the publication of the wind and current charts, and for defraying all the expenses connected therewith, ten thousand dollars.

For pipes for carrying gas to and fixtures for lighting with it in the National Observatory, twenty-five hundred dollars.

For the wages of persons employed at the Observatory and Hydrographical Office, viz., one lithographer, one instrument maker, two watchmen, and one porter, three thousand one hundred and sixty dollars.

For contingent expenses for the Observatory, for the following purposes, viz., freight and transportation, printing and stationery, advertising in newspapers, books, maps, models, and drawing, purchase and repair of fire engines and machinery, repairs of and attending to steam engines in navy yards, purchase and maintenance of horses and carts, and driving teams, and for the purchase of public tables, furniture for Government houses, fuel, oil, and candles for navy yards and shore stations, pay of watchmen and incidental labor not chargeable to any other appropriation, including the salaries of the Academy of civil divisions, wharves, docks, and rent, travelling expenses of officers and other orders, funeral expenses, and pay of clerks to navy agents and storekeepers, flags, awnings, and pecking boxes, premiums and other expenses attending courts-martial and courts of inquiry, and for other services authorized by law, pay to judges, advocates, pilotage and towage of vessels and assistance to vessels in distress, bills of health and quarantine expenses of the United States navy in foreign ports, five hundred and twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and forty dollars.

For improving the harbor of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, forty-six thousand and fifty-nine dollars.

For purchase of land, extending walls, making new roads and wharf, building and furnishing hospital, and changing the front of houses at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, thirty-eight thousand dollars.

For meteorological observations, to be conducted under the directions of the Secretary of the Navy, two thousand dollars. And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to cause all existing observatories as to the title to any portions of Salt Marsh, near the lands of the Naval Hospital, in Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to sell and convey the right, title, and interest of the United States in so much of said marsh as he may deem expedient, upon the terms and conditions recommended by the Board of the Bureau of Navy Yards and Docks upon the subject, dated January seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

For construction, extension, and completion of the following wharves, and for contingent expenses at the several navy yards, viz:

Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
For coopers' shop and watchmen's quarters, dredging in front, and painting and puddling stone basin, boiler-house, boilers, engine and machinery, reservoir for engine house, pipes, gutters, drains, and cisterns, grading yard near timber shed, and for repairs of all kinds, including care of floating dock, fifty-three thousand one hundred and seven dollars.

Boston, Massachusetts.
For rebuilding smithery, cooperage, and packing-house, coal-house for ropewalk, engines, stone wall west of timber dock, re-building battery, grading and paving timber shed number thirty-one, and for repairs of all kinds, eighty-one thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

New York, New York.
For completing commander's house, smithery, timber shed, lime, pitch, and coal-house; continuing quay-wall, master office, cob wharf; dredging channel and piers; completing engine-house, culvert, and removing piles in front of dock; filling in timber pond and low places; paving gutters and flagging, and for repairs of all kinds, including care of floating dock, fifty-three thousand one hundred and seven dollars.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
For extending wharf number four, and dredging, completing, paving, and for repairs of all kinds, including floating dock, twenty-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Washington, District of Columbia.
For filling in timber dock, (completion of), extending boiler-shop; converting old ordnance-shop into machine-shop; steam-engine and other machinery for ordnance works, ordnance foundry, for casting brass guns, railway from anchor and boiler shop to wharves, quay, battery, culvert for mooring and operating boats, dock, and for repairs of all kinds, two hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars. That no part of the appropriation shall be expended until the State of New York shall cede the jurisdiction over the navy yard to the United States, and until the title to said land is settled, excepting so much of the appropriation as may be needed for completing engine-house, and for repairs of all kinds.

Norfolk, Virginia.
For extending wharf wharves, completing timber dock, machinery for engine, machine and armorer's shops, dredging, filling in low grounds, grading, completing magazine and keeper's house, Fort Norfolk, hauling up ships and mud shoals, and for repairs of all kinds, one hundred and fourteen thousand six hundred dollars.

Pensacola, Florida.
For permanent wharf, paint shops, and cooperage, construction of deep basin and dredging, rebuilding of central wharf and wharves J and C, smoke stack, and extending machine shop, building anchors, cables, and fixtures for mooring and operating boats, dock, and for repairs of all kinds, two hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars.

Memphis, Tennessee.
For completing pump house, completing blacksmith shop and office building, distillery for rum, culvert from ropewalk to river, and for repairs of all kinds, forty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-six dollars.

San Francisco, California.
For blacksmith shop, carpenter's shop, storehouse, and wharf, one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That before this sum shall be expended, the Attorney General of the United States shall decide that the United States have good title to the land upon which the buildings are to be erected.

And the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to complete and carry into execution the verbal contract for a basin and railway in California, in connection with the floating dock, as made by the late Secretary in pursuance of authority for that purpose, given by the act of September the twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one," and as stated in the letter of the said late Secretary, addressed to the Honorable Howell Cobb, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and dated the twenty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, toward the execution of which one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That in the judgment of the Secretary such basin and railway are necessary and will be useful to the public service.

FOR HOSPITALS.
At Boston.
For repairs of all kinds, six hundred dollars.

At New York.
For repairs of all kinds, three hundred dollars.

At Philadelphia Naval Asylum.
For fitting roof of asylum, laying water pipes, furnaces, grates and ranges, pavements and gutters, five thousand dollars.

At Norfolk.
For repairs of all kinds, one thousand dollars.

At Norfolk.
For wall to enclose a grave yard, including excavation, six thousand one hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ninety-three cents.

At Norfolk.
For piece of land, to be used as a road communicating with the naval hospital grounds at Norfolk, Virginia, twenty-five hundred dollars.

At Pensacola.
For wall around hospital grounds, twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

At Pensacola.
For draining and filling ponds, two thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

At Pensacola.
For repairs of all kinds, eleven thousand one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

FOR MAGAZINES.
At Boston, Massachusetts.
For beds to store magazines, for bouching, filling, and unloading shells, and for repairs of all kinds, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

At New York.
For fitting store-rooms, workshops, and machinery for ordnance purposes, for gun-skids, travelling ordnance and keelers, for repairs of the same, four thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars.

At Washington.
For foundations for storing shot and protection of shells, for powder magazine, new floor, and for repairs of all kinds, four thousand seven hundred dollars.

At Norfolk.
For foundations of gun and shells, for machinery, for bouching shells, for preparing, filling, and tank-houses, and for repairs of all kinds, four thousand five hundred dollars.

At Pensacola.
For preparing platform for saluting battery, and for repairs of all kinds, nine hundred and fifty dollars.

MARINE CORPS.
For pay of officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, musicians, clerks, and servants, including uniforms, and for subsistence for officers, and pay for undrawn clothing and rations, bounties for re-enlistment and pay for unexpired terms of previous service, two hundred and twenty-five thousand five hundred and thirty dollars and forty-four cents.

For provisions for marines serving on shore, twenty-nine thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-five cents.

For clothing, fifty-two thousand and sixty-four dollars.

For food, four thousand one hundred and ninety-four dollars and fifty cents.

For military stores, repair of arms, pay of armorers, accoutrements, ordnance stores, flags, drums, fife, and musical instruments, eight thousand dollars.

For transportation of officers and troops, and expenses of recruiting, twelve thousand dollars.

For repairs of barracks and rent of temporary barracks and offices, where there are no public buildings for that purpose, six thousand dollars.

For contingencies, viz., freight, tonnage, toll, cartage, wharfage, compensation to judges, advocates, and for attending courts-martial, courts of inquiry, and for constant labor, house-rent in lieu of quarters, burial of deceased marines, printing, stationery, postage, apprehension of deserters, oil, candles, forage, straw, furniture, bed sacks, spades, axes, picks, shovels, carpenter's tools, and for the maintenance of a paymaster, wash-house, and porter at the hospital headquarters, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For the purpose of paying the lien existing on the lands recently purchased as an addition to the Navy Yard at Brooklyn, twelve thousand two hundred and forty-seven dollars and five cents, to be paid by the Secretary of the Navy, if upon examination he shall find the same to be due as a lien on the purchase of the said land, and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby empowered and directed to sell and convey the same to the United States, and to the navy yard lands at Brooklyn between the west side of Vanderbilt avenue and the hospital grounds, containing about twenty-six and a half acres, including Vanderbuilt and Clinton avenues: *Provided*, That said lands shall not be sold at less price than the lots with which they are contiguous, and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid to the United States, and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby directed to cause the title to any portions of Salt Marsh, near the lands of the Naval Hospital, in Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to sell and convey the right, title, and interest of the United States in so much of said marsh as he may deem expedient, upon the terms and conditions recommended by the Board of the Bureau of Navy Yards and Docks upon the subject, dated January seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

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Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
For coopers' shop and watchmen's quarters, dredging in front, and painting and puddling stone basin, boiler-house, boilers, engine and machinery, reservoir for engine house, pipes, gutters, drains, and cisterns, grading yard near timber shed, and for repairs of all kinds, including care of floating dock, fifty-three thousand one hundred and seven dollars.

Boston, Massachusetts.
For rebuilding smithery, cooperage, and packing-house, coal-house for ropewalk, engines, stone wall west of timber dock, re-building battery, grading and paving timber shed number thirty-one, and for repairs of all kinds, eighty-one thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

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For completing commander's house, smithery, timber shed, lime, pitch, and coal-house; continuing quay-wall, master office, cob wharf; dredging channel and piers; completing engine-house, culvert, and removing piles in front of dock; filling in timber pond and low places; paving gutters and flagging, and for repairs of all kinds, including care of floating dock, fifty-three thousand one hundred and seven dollars.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
For extending wharf number four, and dredging, completing, paving, and for repairs of all kinds, including floating dock, twenty-three thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Washington, District of Columbia.
For filling in timber dock, (completion of), extending boiler-shop; converting old ordnance-shop into machine-shop; steam-engine and other machinery for ordnance works, ordnance foundry, for casting brass guns, railway from anchor and boiler shop to wharves, quay, battery, culvert for mooring and operating boats, dock, and for repairs of all kinds, two hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars. That no part of the appropriation shall be expended until the State of New York shall cede the jurisdiction over the navy yard to the United States, and until the title to said land is settled, excepting so much of the appropriation as may be needed for completing engine-house, and for repairs of all kinds.

Norfolk, Virginia.
For extending wharf wharves, completing timber dock, machinery for engine, machine and armorer's shops, dredging, filling in low grounds, grading, completing magazine and keeper's house, Fort Norfolk, hauling up ships and mud shoals, and for repairs of all kinds, one hundred and fourteen thousand six hundred dollars.

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For permanent wharf, paint shops, and cooperage, construction of deep basin and dredging, rebuilding of central wharf and wharves J and C, smoke stack, and extending machine shop, building anchors, cables, and fixtures for mooring and operating boats, dock, and for repairs of all kinds, two hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars.

Memphis, Tennessee.
For completing pump house, completing blacksmith shop and office building, distillery for rum, culvert from ropewalk to river, and for repairs of all kinds, forty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-six dollars.

San Francisco, California.
For blacksmith shop, carpenter's shop, storehouse, and wharf, one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That before this sum shall be expended, the Attorney General of the United States shall decide that the United States have good title to the land upon which the buildings are to be erected.

service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and for other purposes, and approved the thirty-first of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to make such arrangements as he may deem advisable, by causing letters sent to California and Oregon, to be advertised free of expense to the United States, and by the issuing of circulars to postmasters, and causing the same to be published, to ensure as far as possible the delivery of letters sent by mail from the Atlantic States to California, to the individuals to whom they are directed.

Approved, March 3, 1853.

MAINE.
[PUBLIC—No. 39.]
AN ACT making appropriations for light-houses, light-boats, buoys, &c., and providing for the erection and establishment of the same, and for other purposes.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following appropriations be and the same are hereby made and directed to be paid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry the provisions of the act of the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, into effect, to wit: For the construction of any land, which it may be necessary to erect, cannot be obtained on reasonable terms, or the exclusive right to such land cannot be acquired by cession, when the interest of the United States demands it, before the appropriation would by law fall into the hands of private parties, and such lands, the appropriations shall be applicable to the objects for which they are made, at any time within two years after the first meeting of the Legislature in any State wherein such land may be situated, subsequent to the passage of this act, to wit:

For buoys, beacons, and spindles to be placed at the channels of Muscongus bay, and at other important points in the waters of said State, in addition to the sum appropriated by the act of August, thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, three thousand dollars.

MASSACHUSETTS.
For buoys to mark the channel of Taunton river, five hundred dollars.

For a beacon on "Deep-Hole rock," in Vineyard sound, six hundred dollars.

For the erection of a light-house and keeper's house on near the head of the harbor, being a reappropriation of the same sum appropriated by the act of September twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty, four hundred dollars.

Towards the erection of a light-house on the rocks called the "Sow and Pig," near the entrance of Buzzard's bay, to take the place of the light-vessel now stationed there, being a reappropriation of the same sum appropriated by the act of September twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty, thirty thousand dollars.

For a light-vessel to be moored off Minot's Ledge, in addition to the sum appropriated at the last session of Congress, six thousand dollars.

RHODE ISLAND.
For buoys to be placed at the following points: "Old Newton," "the Sisters," "Brig Ledge," (Narragansett bay), "Sandy Point," (Rock Island), and "Taurisset Point," (near Wickford), five hundred dollars.

For erecting a beacon on "Line Rock," Newport harbor, one thousand dollars.

CONNECTICUT.
For buoys in New Haven harbor, two hundred dollars.

For a buoy on Penfield reef, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For a beacon on Race Rock, Long Island Sound, seven thousand dollars.

For the erection of one or more beacon-lights below Middletown, on the Connecticut river, and for the erection of buoys and spindles, three thousand dollars.

For the erection of a fog-bell or whistle, as the light-house board shall direct, on the Point of Pine Island, in Flanders Sound, one thousand dollars.

NEW YORK.
For a small light on or near Carlton Head, and for rebuilding Tiber's Point light-house, five thousand dollars.

For a fog-bell or whistle, to be worked by machinery, to be placed on the same pier near the light-house at Buffalo, two thousand dollars.

For a new light-vessel to take the place of that now moored off Sandy Hook, in addition to the sum appropriated at the last session of Congress, two thousand dollars.

NEW JERSEY.
For buoys to be placed on Absecon bar and in the inlet, (a harbor of refuge), eight hundred dollars.

DELAWARE.
For beacons and buoys for Delaware Bay, to complete the necessary beaconage and buoyage in the lower part of the river and bay, five thousand dollars.

MICHIGAN.
For a light-house on Point Detour, Lake Michigan, five thousand dollars.

For a light-house at Grand Island harbor, Lake Superior, five thousand dollars.

For a light-house at Rock Harbor, Isle Royale, Lake Superior, five thousand dollars.

For a fog-bell, to be worked by machinery, for Thunder bay island light-house, Lake Huron, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For erecting a light-house at the mouth of Portage river, five thousand dollars.

For the erection of a light-house at Point Iroquois, on the Island off Point Aux-cheues, as the Light-house Board shall determine, five thousand dollars.

For making the two light-houses, one to be a beacon light, on the Saint Clair Flats, ten thousand dollars; the places to be selected and the work executed under the direction of the Topographical bureau.

OHIO.
For a beacon of solid masonry, to be placed on a reef lying in the mouth of the river at the west end of Lake Erie, near the south shore, off Bois Blanc and near Toussaint river, three thousand dollars.

VIRGINIA.
For a first-class buoy to be placed on the "Upper-Middle" in Chesapeake bay, and buoys for "Sand Shoal" and "Hog Island inlet," Atlantic coast, eight hundred dollars.

For buoys to be placed on the Potomac river as follows: lower end "Jones Point," "Occoquan falls," off "Marlow's Creek," lower part of "Wade's Bay," off "Jennifer's Quarter," "Matthias Point," and "Dent's Shoal," five hundred and sixty dollars.

For a small light on the "Sandy Point," Rappahannock, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For a beacon at Naylor's Hole, Rappahannock, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For twelve buoys for Rappahannock river, six hundred dollars.

SOUTH CAROLINA.
For six large iron buoys for Charleston bar and channels, three thousand dollars.

For a large bell buoy for the entrance over Charleston bar, five thousand dollars.

For a buoy to be placed on Middle Ground Shoal, Charleston harbor, five hundred dollars.

For light vessel to be placed on Battlement Shoal, fifty-four dollars.

OREGON.
For additional buoys at Columbia river, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For the adaptation of Jaber Stone's patent buoy as a guide to river and other narrow channels, two hundred and fifty dollars.

To enable the Light-house Board to procure the necessary machinery and test practically the plan for distinguishing lights by occultations, submitted by Charles Babbage, Esq., and which was communicated to Congress at its last session, five thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, appropriated by the first section of the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter hundred and twelve, to the erection of a harbor light on Ebyon Island, lying west of the entrance to Buck's harbor, in Brooksville, may be applied to the erection of a harbor light on the northern extremity of Pumpkin Island, in conformity to the recommendation of the coast survey.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the location of the two beacon lights authorized by the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, to be placed near Fort Hamilton, be changed to the other end of the range line of the main channel, on the New Jersey shore.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to select, instead of the outer "Minot Ledge," any more suitable site amongst the Colabaes Rocks, at the entrance of Boston harbor, on which to erect the light-house authorized by the first section of the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter hundred and twelve, if in his judgment, and on further surveys, if necessary, any more suitable site can be found.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, appropriated by the first section of the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter hundred and twelve, for the construction of two icebreakers, may be applied by the Light-house Board for the preservation and protection of the light-house on Brandywine shoal, in such manner as may best secure the object.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to apply the sum of five thousand dollars, appropriated by the act of eighteen hundred and fifty-two, section one, chapter one hundred and twelve, for a light-house on the Nabble, Cape Cod, to the erection of a light-house at the entrance of York Harbor, if the location will best subserve the interests of commerce.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed, if in his opinion the safety of commerce demanded a light at Minot's Ledge, at the entrance of the harbor of New York, to cause the same to be destroyed, to examine into the claims of B. B. Forbes and others, who kept a light-boat there at their private expense; and if he is of opinion that their claims were essential to the safety of navigation, to allow them such a sum as he may deem reasonable, and to pay the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. [Approved, March 3, 1853.]

PUBLIC—No. 40.
AN ACT making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated, to wit: For the transportation of the mail by ocean steamers, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

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For the transportation of the mail from New York to Liverpool and back, eight hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars.

For the transportation of the mail from New York to New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, and back, two hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

For the transportation of the mail from Panama to California and Oregon and back, three hundred and forty-eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For carrying out the contract entered into by the Post Office Department under the law passed at the last session of Congress, establishing a tri-monthly mail by steam vessels between New Orleans and Vera Cruz, via Tampico, seventy thousand dollars.

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For carrying out the contract entered into by the Post Office Department under the law passed at the last session of Congress, establishing a tri-monthly mail by steam vessels between New Orleans and Vera Cruz, via Tampico, seventy thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General shall cause the facts to be investigated in relation to the contract made with A. G. Sloan, for the transportation of the mail in ocean steamers from New York to New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, Havana, and back, and per act of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, for the purpose of ascertaining how far the contract corresponds with the original bids, and shall report to Congress at the next session of the Senate, and also for what amount the said mail service could be performed if a new contract should be made, and whether the ships furnished under said contract are built according to its terms.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to ascertain and report to Congress at its next session, what amounts the service now performed under the several contracts with the Navy and Post Office Department for carrying the mail in ocean steamers can be hereafter performed, upon the supposition that the United States shall take the steamers according to contract and sell or transfer them.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That upon the application of either of the companies contracting to carry the mail in ocean steamers from New York to Havre, or from New York to Havre, the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to disburse such company from said contract, *Provided*, That no further compensation shall be paid to either of said companies after such discharge from its contract. [Approved, March 3, 1853.]

MISSISSIPPI.
AN ACT making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the various Indian tribes.

For the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, viz:

For the pay of superintendents of Indian affairs, per acts of fifth June, eighteen hundred and fifty, twenty-eight February, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and twenty-seventh February, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, forty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For the pay of interpreters, per acts of the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, and twenty-seventh February, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, twenty-eight thousand dollars.

For the pay of clerk to superintendent at St. Louis, Missouri, per act of twenty-seventh June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For the pay of clerk to superintendent at Van Buren, Arkansas, per act of twenty-seventh June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, one thousand two hundred dollars.

For the pay of clerk to superintendent in California, per act of third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For office rent, fuel, lights, and stationery for the superintendents of Indian affairs in Oregon, two thousand four hundred dollars.

For travelling expenses of superintendent of Indian Affairs in Oregon, and agents therein, two thousand dollars.

For general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the State of California, thirty thousand dollars.

For general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of New Mexico, ten thousand dollars.

For general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of Utah, ten thousand dollars.

For expenses already incurred, and that may hereafter be necessary, for vaccination of Indians, five thousand dollars.

For presents to Indians, five thousand dollars.

For contingencies of the Indian department, thirty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

For deficiencies, in the fund for the contingencies of the Indian department, ten thousand dollars.

TO THE CHIEF OF SAGANAW.

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